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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method comprising:

receiving a request to access a target computer from a remote computer at a central computer system, wherein the target computer includes a desktop;

determining whether the remote computer has permission to access the target computer;

enabling the remote computer to access the desktop of the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the desktop of the target computer;

enabling the remote computer to access an application on the target computer while the remote computer is participating in a data conference; and

enabling the remote computer to share the application on the target computer with viewers participating in the data conference, wherein none of the viewers are located at the target computer.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

allowing the remote computer to specify accessible applications that are located on the target computer if the remote computer has permission to access the target computer.

3-10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) A computer system including:

a first computer and a second computer, each including a desktop;

a central server computer system communicatively accessible by the first and second computers, wherein the central server computer system is configured to enable a computer to share access of a desktop of another computer via a global computer network and is further configured to determine whether the computer has permission to share access of a desktop of the another computer;

a first computer program installed on the first computer and configured to send a request to the central server computer system to access the desktop of the second

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computer, to enable the first computer to access the desktop of the second computer, to join in a data conference hosted by a service provider, and further configured to access an application on the second computer during the data conference and share the application on the second computer with viewers participating in the data conference, wherein none of the viewers are located at the target computer; and

a second computer program installed on the second computer and configured to receive a request from the central server computer system to access the desktop of the second computer and further configured to enable the first computer to access the desktop of the second computer.

12. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 11 wherein the first and second computer programs comprise computer instructions for allowing the first computer to specify accessible applications that are located on the second computer if the first computer has permission to access the second computer.

13-27. (cancelled)

28. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second computer programs are remote access programs.

29. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the remote access programs are downloaded from the central server computer system.

30. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the central server computer system includes a web server.

31. (previously presented) The computer system of claim 11, wherein the first and second computer programs are software plug-ins downloadable from a website.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the determining comprises:

in response to a user at the remote computer attempting to access the target computer, accessing a stored telephone number from the target computer;
dialing the telephone number to call a the user at the remote computer;
receiving at the central computer system a numeric identification code from the user;
comparing the numeric identification code to a stored numeric identification code;
and
allowing the remote computer to access the target computer if the received numeric identification code matches the stored identification code.

33. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
when the target computer is started, enabling the target computer to automatically initiate and establish a connection with the central computer; and
enabling the remote computer to access the desktop of the target computer through the central computer.
34. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the remote computer to disable an input device of the target computer or make a screen of the target computer blank.
35. (new) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
enabling the remote computer to set up a user account on the central computer;
and
enabling the target computer to log onto the user account on the central computer and, while logged onto the user account, to download a remote access program from the central computer onto the target computer, wherein the remote access program enables the target computer to share the application with the remote computer via the central computer.
36. (new) The method of claim 35, further comprising:

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when the target computer is started, enabling the remote access program on the target computer to automatically initiate and establish a connection with the central computer; and

enabling the remote computer to access the desktop of the target computer through the central computer.

37. (new) The method of claim 36, wherein the remote access program enables a user at the target computer to configure the remote access program to automatically connect the target computer to the central computer when the target computer is started or to connect the target computer to the central computer when the remote access program is manually launched on the target computer.